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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC, 20500

Dear Mr. President,

In light of the recent revelation that the Secretary of Education solicited the now infamous letter from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) comparing parents who protested at school board meetings to domestic terrorists, we demand you immediately fire Education Secretary Miguel Cardona.¹

In your inaugural address before the American people you said, “to overcome these challenges-to restore the soul and to secure the future of America-requires more than words. It requires that most elusive of things in a democracy: Unity.” Later you said, “unity is the path forward.”² In the aftermath of this letter and the fierce blowback it caused, Secretary Cardona rewarded Viola Garcia, the NSBA President and co-signer of the letter, with an appointment to the National Assessment Governing Board.³ In the press release announcing her appointment, the Secretary said of Ms. Garcia, “I’m confident these leaders bring the perspective necessary to ensure the National Assessment of Educational Progress remains the gold standard in measuring student academic outcomes.”⁴ Anyone who believes an individual that equates parents voicing their concerns at school board meetings to domestic terrorists brings a necessary perspective to a national education board, is someone who is unbecoming of a role in an administration which has pledged to foster a path forward to unify and heal our country.

By soliciting this letter, having their department spokesperson deny the solicitation despite the clear and irrefutable evidence, as well as appointing the letter’s co-signer to a national education

¹ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/education-secretary-cardona-solicited-nsba-letter-comparing-parents-domestic-terrorists-email>

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/01/20/inaugural-address-by-president-joseph-r-biden-jr/>

³ <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/five-board-members-appointed-board-overseeing-nations-report-card>

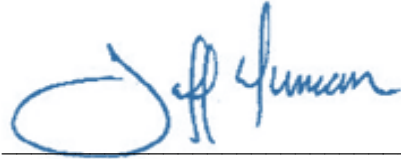
⁴ Ibid

board and praising their credentials, Secretary Cardona demonstrated a complete lack of judgement, a divisive approach to his position, and a betrayal of the public trust. Your pledge to help bring unity will ring even more hollow if Secretary Cardona continues in his current position. As such, in order to uphold your promise to help bring unity and healing to a divided nation, you must fire Secretary Cardona effective immediately.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Jeff Duncan
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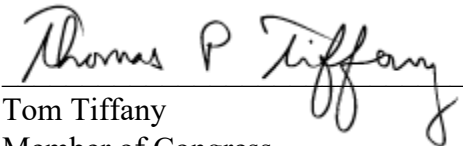
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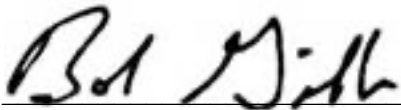
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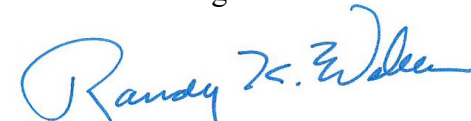


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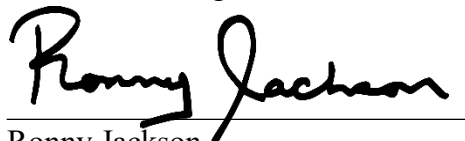

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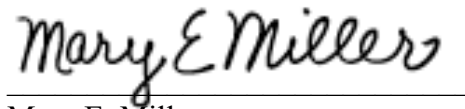

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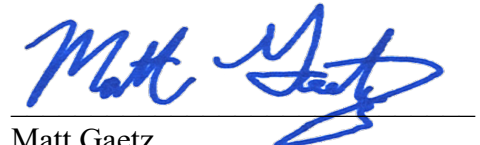

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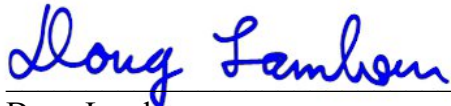

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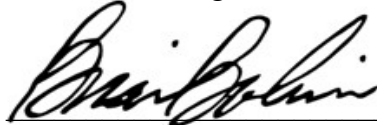
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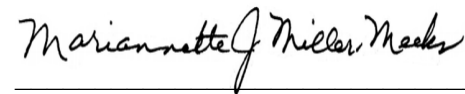
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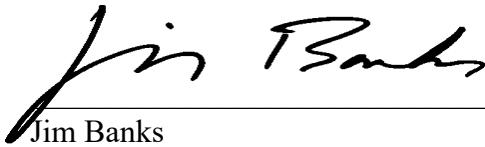
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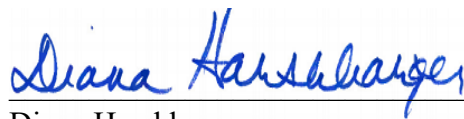
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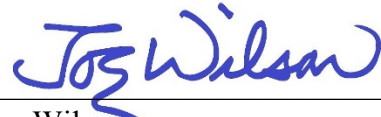
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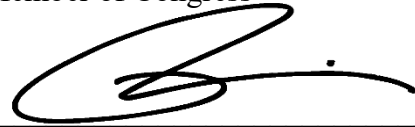
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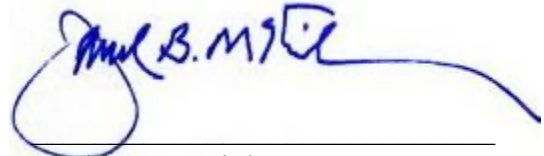
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